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WATERSHED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the employment generated in ruraL areas on account of watershed Development Projects during each of the last three years and till date, State-wise;

(b) whether the target fixed has been achieved;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) if not, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL):

(a) to (d) The Department of Land Resources in the Ministry of Rural Development addresses the task of treating wastelands and degraded lands aimed at checking land degradation, putting such lands into productive use and increasing the availability of bio-mass specially fuel wood and fodder through implementation of three major Watershed Development Programmes namely the Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP), the Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) and the Desert Development Programme (DDP) on watershed hasis in accordance with the Guidelines for Watershed Development w.e.f. 1.4.1995. Ho year-wise and State-wise targets are fixed for employment generation under Watershed Development Programmes. However, watershed ativities are labour intensive and the experiences gained in implementation of watershed projects so far suggest that about 60% of the expenditure in the execution of watershed projects are towards wage employment.